**Arts Undergraduate Society of McGill University**

**Legislative Council**

**January 11th, 2017, 6 PM**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order at 6:00PM
   1. Territorial Acknowledgment: AUS would like to acknowledge that McGill University is situated on the traditional territory of the Kanien’kehá:ka, a place which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst nations. AUS recognizes and respects the Kanien’kehá:ka as the traditional custodians of the lands and water on which we meet today.
2. Roll Call
   1. Absent: AGELF, ASSA, PSA, PSSA, SAWC, SSA
   2. Came late: MESS, RSUS
   3. Left early:
3. Approval of Minutes from November 30th 2016 Council
   1. No amendments
   2. All those in favour? All. None against
   3. Minutes are approved
4. Approval of Agenda
   1. AUS President: Motion to amend the agenda and table SNAX motion until next council because more consultation needed to refine committee membership. Seconded. Amendment added.
   2. All those in favour? All. None against
   3. Agenda is approved
5. Announcements
   1. Arts Rep Thomas: Reminder that we’re in Know Your Student Rights campaign right now, for duration of add-drop. Invite friends to FB event and make sure you check your syllabi for violations.
   2. AUS President: Last week of January and first week of February are Work Your B.A. Will be panels and speakers, trying to cater to all departments. Info will be on Facebook.
   3. AUSec: AUSec and WWF McGill are hosting event on Tuesday from 6-8pm in Leacock 26. Will be panel with Profs ranging from urban planning to natural resources, will be free food so come.
   4. VP Academic: AIO holding Arts research event in this room on Tuesday from 4:30-6:30pm. If interested in getting research internship through ARIA come to that.
   5. ASA: Anthropology student association holding biggest event of year next Friday evening, will be film screening, various ethnographic student films. At Thompson House at 7pm. $5 to get in, is red carpet affair, free drink with ticket. Will post to FB.
6. Question Period
   1. VP Internal: Lot of absences from council or missing reports, I’m emailing people about next steps. Something we can do to make your time easier so you’re not missing council or missing reports? Important to me you’re doing this and don’t have to be penalized, let me know how we can make it easier for you regarding this and how I can support you.
7. New Business
   1. Motion to Hold a Winter General Election
      1. AUS President: Self-explanatory motion, every year we hold elections and need timeline approved by council to do so. Kept updated timeline for this election cycle.
      2. Departmental elections are a bit later in the semester, to get more interest from departments? And referendum timeline corresponds with election timeline.
      3. No points of discussion
      4. Voting: All those in favour? All. Motion is approved.
8. Discussion of ASEF By-Law Changes Proposal:
   1. VP Academic: So this is follow-up from what I brought up in my reports in October, ASEF leaking money. In past, ASEF given to each prof who is new in faculty, 5k to spend on undergrad casual research assistants for first 3 years. But after that period money goes back to McGill. This been going on long time, there have been losses because of this. Have gotten these back, but in order to change this working with Associate Dean of Research and Grad studies during last 9 months.
   2. One fund overseen by ASEF committee, Dean of Arts plus four student members, all incoming money into that committee, bunch of bylaw changes to support that.
   3. Article 1 doesn’t make huge difference except 3 years changed to 5 years, because most new Profs don’t know what they’re doing for first few years and don’t always spend the money. And section 2, article 4: this edition in clause C is substantial, says when money expires we get it back. Important because we get 75k divided up over 3 years.
   4. Discussion that we allocate funding twice for ASEF, deadline specified by late December the following year. This is topic we’re going back on, first day of school or last day of first semester?
   5. Important because bylaws haven’t been overhauled in last five years or so.
   6. Discussion:
      1. CLASHA: Explain the deadline thing? Response: Once we allocate the funds, they’re sent to prof via internal wire transfer. They have until Dec. 31st of year that follows the allocation. This allows for employment in fall term as well, and any funds not claimed will go back into pool. Those funds would be reallocated the following February.
   7. No more points of discussion.
9. Reports of the Arts Representatives and Senators
   1. Report of the Arts Representatives to SSMU
      1. Arts Rep Isabella: First SSMU council of semester is tomorrow, happening in same week as AUS for the semester, so I’ll include link to interactive agenda. Can look at agenda as soon as Friday before AUS. At last SSMU meeting talked about accountability with exec and counsellors, long convo but productive. Had bunch of motions and referendum Qs passed, available through links.
      2. For me personally, Accountability Committee hasn’t scheduled meeting yet, but will soon. Meeting for Student Affairs Committee on Feb. 8th, and Faculty of Arts Committee meeting on Feb. 4th. Missed Steering Committee for SSMU because I was tabling for Know Your Rights campaign.
      3. New judicial board committee for SSMU reviewing board of directors, I got appointed to that committee to represent our legislative council to SSMU. Another way to hold board of directors through SSMU accountable.
      4. Igor and Maria’s reports are also posted online.
   2. Report of the Arts Senators
      1. Senator Casarina: Pretty short because of break. I missed last senate meeting so can’t elaborate much, but full docs are online. But heard it was pretty low key. First senate caucus meeting on Monday, Know Your Rights campaign is ongoing.
      2. Senator info session on Jan 23rd from 5:30-6:30pm will let you know about room. If you’re interested in doing what I do, check it out.
      3. SSMU has new research request form, if you’re doing advocacy on campus, get help from research commissioner.
      4. Discussing in caucus how sometimes classes have hours outside lecture, IE prof adding conference outside of lecture or credit hours. Having convo with teaching and learning services to see whether that’s allowed at McGill, seems ambiguous, has been happening in other faculties.
      5. VP Academic Q: To last point, it’s banned in faculty of arts policy, and we just got the docs from last semester for that.
10. Reports of the Executive Officers
    1. Report of the President
       1. Continuation of space issue we had at end of last semester, the entire corridor in Leacock basement has been shut down for construction. This is where two storage spaces are, repurposed JD room for storage? Stopped conference meetings there, etc. If you need space and champagne room isn’t good, we can arrange something else, also free to use lounge?
       2. CBRC reconvening to look over bylaws I made over break, and will have motion for compilation of bylaws made over the course of year so far.
       3. VP Internal Q: More info about Work Your BA? Response: The events are coming out over next couple weeks, more holistic experience. A lot of the events were catered towards political persuasions, in the past has been more about Poli Sci and IDS students. This year will have panel on public health and social justice, as well as a MP coming to speak, and speaker from the UN. And will be CV drop-in event.
    2. Report of the VP Academic
       1. Shorter report because of break but also longer because exam period means student rights violations.
       2. Curriculum Committee met during exams, few students show up. Concerns about RUSS course, but heavily outnumbered by Profs. Otherwise all was fine, positive changes coming to other programs.
       3. Student Rights: Can’t talk about much, still ongoing for some. Mostly positive direction, and check out campaign.
       4. LPC: Met recently, focus on wellness campaign for application to AUIFC. Want 30 standing desks and stools for corners of McLennan with nice views. Relaxation and games corner if we can fit it in. Cost 80k?
       5. Essay Centre opening on Jan. 23rd, check that out.
       6. First Prof Talk of semester on Feb. 17th, plus two more in March. And virtual Prof Talk this month, partnership with Francophone commission.
       7. Peer tutoring apps due tomorrow, I’ve only received four. We have 8k for it, but only $1200 in apps right now.
       8. CSUS Q: Is it academic rights violation that no final exams can be more than 75%? How to deal with scenarios where if you do better on final it counts for more? Like if entire class fails. Response: This is problematic, but dual grade system is allowed, as long as the student chooses.
    3. Report of the VP Communications
       1. FAC meant on Tuesday, will finish three workshops they have this semester and then focus on Nuit Blanche only. Marketing Committee working on promoting that.
       2. Francophone Commission hired three new commissioners, usually only two but had issues of people quitting. Very excited, they’re reliable people. Had first meeting Friday going over projects for semester, first is French prof talk, just confirmed for Feb 15th in collab with Erik’s portfolio.
       3. Marketing Committee meeting next week, grad ball and Nuit Blanche two tasks. Keen on wanting to do flash mobs, the day ticket sales are launched would like to do flash mob. Not that there will be problems with selling for grad ball.
       4. Dear McGill University video sent out last callout. Only 6 participants, and one of those went on exchange. If not enough participants will post doodle on FB page, if you know someone who is interested, let them know.
       5. Decided to update listserv and give it a new look, a little bit more modern.
       6. VP Internal Q: What’s the day for buying our tickets? Response: Not a ticket sales day set yet.
    4. Report of the VP External
       1. For ACE, our pad and tampon drive from Dec. went well, thanks to everyone who donated. De-stress event also went quite well, hope you enjoyed cookie decorating as well as waffle breakfast. Planning wine and cheese for January. And start planning embrACE at meeting this week.
       2. ISAC planning wine and cheese, meeting next week.
       3. MHAUS filmed video, putting together video next week.
       4. Sponsorship Committee hasn’t met yet this year, but contacting potential sponsors.
       5. Career coord and Becky finishing up Work Your BA plans. And alumni and student engagement council will have its second meeting in February and fundraising event in March.
    5. Report of the VP Finance
       1. The audit is complete and statements are out, auditors reappointed for following year. And auditor and I are going to sit down and fix cost of audit at price of 10k for next three years, have contract with them that we don’t pay more than have to.
       2. AUIF has been scheduled, and apps will be out this week or beginning of next, want them sent in by Jan. 31st. Need 11 departmental counsellors to be on that committee, so if interested send me an email. Would need to be available on Feb. 13th from 2:30-4:30pm.
       3. FMC meeting on Friday, first of semester. Apps need to be in by midnight tonight.
       4. SNAX prices have gone up, unfortunately needed to happen, discussed at council last semester. Getting rid of products that weren’t popular, IE baked goods that are perishable. So on track to get back to breaking even.
    6. Report of the VP Internal
       1. Nothing new to report, Emma said earlier that AUSec is having speaker series coming up. And reminder to pick up events basket before your event, and still have some prebooked dates for wine and cheese.
       2. FEARC hosting Quebec City trip, just for first years.
       3. If you’re interested in collab with AUSec or FEARC, let me know.
       4. Council absences: will be sending email to associations not attending regularly or not submitting reports. We will have further chats about that.
    7. Report of the VP Social
       1. What Becky was talking about, closure in Leacock affected BDA. Working on solutions, sorted out soon. Officially have tabling applications open, in next listserv but can also send me email in meantime.
       2. EPIC getting ready to plan events for semester, meeting next Monday. Will present at next council.
       3. Grad Ball coming up, if interested in planning of it the apps are here, closes this Friday. Sorting through apps, so far received 4x apps we normally do. Reminder to anyone who is graduating, March 11th is Grad Ball. Will be tiered tickets system from last year, so recommend if you want cheaper ticket to look at listserv in late January or early Feb. and keep track of FB event.
11. Next Meeting Time and Date (**January 25th, 2017 at 6:00pm in LEA 232**)
12. Adjournment at 6:40PM

**Membership of AUS Council**

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| **Name** | **Name** | **Present?** | **Late / leave early?** |
| **AUS President** | Becky Goldberg | Yes |  |
| **AUS VP Communications** | Chanèle Couture De-Graft | Yes |  |
| **AUS VP Internal** | Kira Smith | Yes |  |
| **AUS VP Social** | Kat Svikhnushin | Yes |  |
| **AUS VP Academic** | Erik Partridge | Yes |  |
| **AUS VP Finance** | Deepak Punjabi | Yes |  |
| **AUS VP External** | Kia Kouyoumjian | Yes |  |
| **Arts Representative to SSMU** | Isabella Anderson | Yes |  |
| **Arts Representative to SSMU** | Igor Sadikov | No | Excused |
| **Arts Representative to SSMU** | Maria Thomas | Yes |  |
| **Arts Senator** | William Cleveland | No | Excused |
| **Arts Senator** | Casarina Hocevar | Yes |  |
| **Arts Senator** | Charles Keita | No | Excused |
| **FEARC** |  | Yes |  |
| **AUS Environmental Council** |  | Yes |  |
| **AUS Equity Committee** |  | Yes |  |
| **AGELF** |  | No |  |
| **AHCSSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **ASA** |  | Yes |  |
| **ASSA** |  | No |  |
| **BASiC** |  | Yes |  |
| **CLASHA** |  | Yes |  |
| **CSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **CSAUS** |  | Yes |  |
| **CSUS** |  | Yes |  |
| **DESA** |  | Yes |  |
| **EASSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **ESA** |  | Yes |  |
| **GSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **HSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **IDSSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MESS** |  | Yes | Late |
| **WIMESSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MIRA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MPSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **MUGS** |  | Yes |  |
| **NASSA** |  | Yes |  |
| **PSA** |  | No |  |
| **PSSA** |  | No |  |
| **RSUS** |  | Yes | Late |
| **RUSS** |  | Yes |  |
| **SAWC** |  | No |  |
| **SLUM** |  | Yes |  |
| **SSA** |  | No |  |
| **SUMS** |  | Yes |  |
| **Speaker of Council** | Jonathan Glustein |  |  |
| **Recording Secretary** | Amylea Doiron |  |  |